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Record Number of New Churches To Be Organized in Present Decade

By Porter Routh

More than 3,000 new churches will be organized in the Southern Baptist Convention during the present decade if the rate continues for the next two years as it has for the past eight years, according to a survey of church ages which will appear in the 1949 Southern Baptist Handbook.

Since 1940, there have already been 2,588 new churches organized in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Texas led in the number of new churches with 335 but Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee all had more than 200 new churches reported organized.

Of the 26,822 Baptist churches now in the Convention, 3,289 were organized when the Convention held its organization meeting in 1845. In the 25 years between 1851 and 1875, the Civil War and Reconstruction period, there were 3,140 new churches organized which are still in existence. North Carolina and Texas both have more than 700 churches which were organized during this period.

There have been more than 6,000 new churches organized during the past 25 years which are still in existence, according to the study which will appear in the 1949 Handbook. The Handbook survey will give the information on a state by state basis.

H. W. ROBERTSON TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. HOMER W. ROBERTSON

Rev. Homer W. Robertson, pastor of the East Greenville Church will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLL, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WLO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WJMB, Brookhaven.

Bulgaria Tightens Control Over Religious Groups

SOFIA —(RNS)— A bill aimed at tightening government control over religion and restricting affiliation of non-Orthodox bodies with churches abroad has been introduced in the Bulgarian parliament by Foreign Minister Vasil Kolarov.

One of the most drastic provisions of the bill calls for the closing of all foreign religious missions and congregations in Bulgaria and the transfer of their property to the State, with a "just indemnity." This action, it was stated, would take place within a month after the law came into force.

According to Minister Kolarov, the bill guarantees full freedom of conscience and religion to all citizens. He indicated, however it was aimed at cutting all ties by Bulgarian churches with international organizations and parent churches "in view of their considerable political activity."

The bill stipulates that clergymen

who maintain relations with churches abroad cannot assume their duties unless their appointment is confirmed by
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Religious Liberty Versus Toleration

By Edward B. Willingham, Chairman
Joint Conference Committee on
Religious Liberty

Certain occurrences in our country impel your Committee on Religious Liberty to make a public statement as to the origin and meaning of religious liberty in America.

One such happening was the entrance of a float in the recent presidential inaugural parade by the state of Maryland which depicted the Maryland Toleration Act of 1649 as the start and foundation of religious liberty on these shores. No doubt many among the million people who beheld the parade were duly impressed with Maryland's representation and applauded it. Much to be regretted, also, is the constant Roman Catholic Assertion and publication that Lord Baltimore, a Catholic in Maryland's Toleration Act of 1649 brought religious liberty to the new world. With no desire to detract from the glory of Maryland or discredit any honor due the Roman Catholics, the interests of truth and clarity demand that the actual facts should be proclaimed.

Why should the public be allowed to forget the well-acknowledged fact it was in the year 1647 that Roger Williams, a Baptist leader of the time established in Rhode Island a government which for the first time in all history accorded absolute liberty of conscience to all persons, regardless of creed? In fact, Williams' political organization in Rhode Island which provided for separation of church and

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Press Association Officers



Show above are the recently elected officers of the Southern Baptist Press Association. They are left to right: Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder (N. C.), secretary and treasurer; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of the Baptist Record (Miss.), Vice-President; Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder (Ky.), president.

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SIGNED:
HAROLD D. GREGORY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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state with soul liberty for everyone, began as early as 1638 and proceeded consistently until consummation in 1647, two years before the Maryland Toleration Act. (See *A History of Baptist Churches in the United States*, by A. H. Newman, pages 74-79). This full religious liberty was vastly superior to the mere "toleration" proclaimed in Maryland.

The body which passed the Maryland Edict of Toleration consisted of a Protestant governor, sixteen Protestant and eight Roman Catholics. The Act was induced to enable the Roman Catholics to worship publicly. Unfortunately, the Act only allowed "tolerance" and not complete religious liberty, as provided for in the charter of Rhode Island. The Maryland Toleration Act did not permit Jews, unbelievers, Deists or Unitarians to enter the colony. This was not full religious liberty.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY asserts the inalienable right of every man to act in religion as unto God alone, according to the voice of conscience within him, beyond the reach of any human authority. "TOLERATION," says Schaff, "implies more or less censure and disapproval. We tolerate or endure what we dislike or can not prevent."

Roman Catholics assume that they have the one true Church and has officially proclaimed that unless compelled to do so the Catholics will not generally consent to religious freedom as a policy but will insist on their historic observance of toleration. They have even boldly asserted that in countries which obstruct their policy "Constitutions of countries can be changed," and when conditions in this country become ideal to them they will insist on TOLERATION instead of full RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

As Baptists we would fight for religious rights under the Constitution for Roman Catholics as readily as we would for our own or for all others; but we feel obligated to call attention to this basic contention affecting religious liberty in this country which tends to promote ill-will among sects and disunity in the Nation.

As a further proof of existing threats to our religious liberties we solemnly point to the pronouncement entitled "The Christian In Action" by the Roman Catholic hierarchy of cardinals, archbishops and bishops in the United States meeting in our national capital in November, 1948. In this document they proclaim that the concept of church-state separation is a mere "shibboleth of doctrinaries secularists" and they serve notice that they intend to "peacefully, patiently, and perseveringly work" to effect a revision which will be a radical change in this American tradition and in the law which supports it.

Several objectives of the Roman Church are quite evident and our American people should be aware of them. Three of these immediate aims are:

1. To secure repudiation of the Supreme Court decision of the *Champaign school case*. This decision was a severe stroke of the Government against sectarianism in the public schools, both as to sectarian instruction and financial aid from public tax funds to sectarianism.

2. To secure the allocation of public funds to Roman Catholic institutions acceptance of such interpretation of

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY TRUSTEES



The Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary met February 15 and 16 to review the school's progress during the last 12 months and lay plans for a program of further expansion in the future.

Members of the board pictured above are, first row (left to right): Dr. R. H. Whittington, Louisiana; Dr. E. E. Colvin, South Carolina; Dr. T. K. Rucker, Arkansas; Mr. O. D. Evans, Missouri; Dr. Wilson W. Woodcock, North Carolina. Second row: Dr. J. P. Boone, Texas; Mr. Wayne K. Rivers, Georgia; Dr. T. B. Sellers, Mississippi; Dr. Pierce S. Ellis, Virginia. Third row: Rev. Horatio Mitchell, Louisiana; Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Kentucky; Mr. O. J. Farnsworth, Louisiana. Fourth row: Mr. N. H. Pope, Louisiana; Mr. Owen Cooper, Mississippi; Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Georgia; Mr. Lowry B. Eastland, Louisiana (President of the Board of Trustees); Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Louisiana (Seminary President). Fifth row: Mr. Edward P. Chavanne, Louisiana; and Dr. Albert McClellan, Oklahoma.

Trustees who attended the annual meeting but are not pictured above included: Dr. R. G. Lee, Tennessee; and Rev. Alva L. Smith, Washington, D. C.

Gunn Grove Holds Revival

Rev. Paul Z. Ball pastor of the Pearlhaven Church in Brookhaven, led in a revival at Gunn Grove Church in Lincoln County February 20-25. Rev. J. M. Spikes is the pastor.

Two members were added to the church and the Christians of the community were spiritually awakened.

on a parity with public institutions.

3. To secure in the public mind an the Constitution, or a revision of the Constitution, as will permit the practice of the Roman Catholic doctrines concerning church and state. This would be a catastrophe which would alter the traditional American form of government and the rights of individuals and groups in our free democracy. A step toward this end is clearly seen in the widely publicized novel interpretation by the hierarchy of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

This new propaganda would have our people believe that the founders of this Government were forbidding only the union of one church with the state whereas they allowed for the union of many churches with the state, provided all are treated equally. This idea is foreign to our American tradition and must be recognized as such.

In conclusion, this Committee on Religious Liberty would summon the Baptists of the United States, and all other freedom loving people, to a renewal of dedication to the foundation principles which have made this country great. Especially in the realm of religion should we be alert to the truth that "the price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

BULGARIA TIGHTENS

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the Foreign Minister.

It specifies that "cults can maintain connections with institutions, organizations, or official persons, whose headquarters are abroad, only after preliminary permission from the Foreign Minister."

The bill also states that similar permission must be obtained before cults can receive material aid or gifts from abroad. It further declares that clergymen and other church officials must be Bulgarian citizens who are "honest, trustworthy, and not deprived of their rights by criminal law."

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton

Called and accepted:

E. Eugene Poston, Dallsburg Church, Wheatley, Kentucky.

Tom Chandler, West End, Eelma, Ala., from Altoona.

John H. Stout, Merlose, N. M., from Hagerman.

Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville, Tenn., from Mt. Olive Church, Knoxville.

C. W. Phillips, Anniston, Ala., from Attalla.

Raymond Mark, First, Hampton, Ark., from Tarmony Hill Church.

Othar Smith, First, Conway, Ark., from Heber Springs.

E. W. Taylor, Associational Missionary, Faulkner, Ark., from Ark., from Antioch Church, Central Association.

Edwin Fleetwood Perry, Broadway, Louisville, Ky., from Rockingham, N. C.

C. B. Hastings, Central, Marshall, Texas from Phillips Memorial, Brandenburg, Ky.

Charles Landrum Goss, Oglethorpe, Ga.

C. M. Clinkscales, First, Wilsonville, Ala., from Hookes Bluff.

The Co-operative Program in 1948 was divided 40% to Southwide Causes and 60% to State Causes.

In 1949 it is divided 45% to Southwide Causes and 55% to State Causes.

That means State Causes were reduced 5% as follows:

	1948	1949
State Missions	24%	23%
Christian Education	24%	22%
Orphanage	6%	5%
Ministerial Education	2½%	2%
Baptist Foundation	1%	¾%
Radio	1½%	1¼%
Miss. Baptist Hospital	1%	1%

One way in which the State reduction may be replaced is to increase your giving through the Co-operative Program—to all Causes! Do it now!

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

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Jesus is saying to Mississippi Baptist: "I am willing to take you as a test case. I can bring to pass every promise I ever made. Will you give me a chance? I can do for you, in your churches, what I did for some fishermen whose faith was fluctuating between hope and despair, in the grey dawn of a Galilean day. I can present myself alive to all the fumbling and stumbling people, if you will let me take you as a test case. Mississippi Baptists, will you let me?"

Thus the Strange Galilean speaks to us as we stand on the threshold of our Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Crusade. What is our response? Are we ready to say, "Lord, 20,000 souls brought to Thee is a number much too small, but we are ready to try your promises, to cast the whole net on the right side of the ship for a great catch. We know these souls will come, drawn not by human skill, but by the supernatural power of Jesus manifesting Himself through our whole net. Lord, we are ready to sacrifice, to share, to dare. Romans 12 and Rev. 2:10. Lord, we will be faithful unto death."

Let us unfurl the Banner, bearing the words "Jesus Saves" and march under it for certain victory. From every city, town, hamlet, village, country side — everywhere, beginning at Clinton, April 4, at 9:00 a. m. with P. D. Bragg, S. B. Harrington, Bill Lowe, E. N. Elsey, Wayne Todd, Wayne Alliston, Henry Edmonds, Owen Williams, R. L. Wallace, W. L. Compere and DR. ROBERT G. LEE as mighty workers for Christ.

The Banner will pass to Brookhaven, Tuesday, April 5. At that stand, Joe Hudson, Landon Miller, H. J. Rushing, J. C. Pinson, B. T. Bishop, C. M. Day, N. Q. Geer, N. F. Davis, John Dearing, E. C. Edwards, and DR. ROBERT G. LEE will declare boldly, "JESUS SAVES."

From Brookhaven, the Banner will move to Biloxi, Wednesday, April 6. There, a noble band composed of Zeno Wells, W. R. Storie, Fred Moseley, S. P. Powell, A. L. Chumby, E. R. Anderson, H. D. Jordan, O. P. Estes and DR. ROBERT G. LEE will unfurl the mighty declaration, "JESUS SAVES."

But the Crusade cannot wait! On Thursday, April 7, in Meridian, at 41st Avenue Baptist Church, George Moseley, G. W. Smith, Bill Drummond, L. R. Alford, Paul Cooper, D. D. Satterwhite, W. A. Hogan, C. C. Weaver, Waddell Valentine and DR. ROBERT G. LEE will sound Reville, calling "the faithful in Christ Jesus" to join the Crusade.

Because others have not enlisted, the Banner will be rushed to Pontotoc, Friday, April 8, where Robert Palmer, James C. Monroe, Quentin Floyd, Wilburn Smith, R. D. Pearson, George Gay, C. W. Thompson, John Measells, H. H. Aultman and DR. ROBERT G. LEE take up an ever-living echo, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:32.

From the hills to the delta will move the Banner, At Clarksdale, Saturday, April 9, Dan Patch, I. D. Eavenson, C. L. Boland, Joel Sturdivant, C. C. Carroway, R. A. Tullis, H. C. Schjeveland, W. L. Marsh, M. E. Perry and DR. ROBERT G. LEE will call the valley country to set the echo flying — "JESUS SAVES."

After the Six One-Day Evangelistic Revivals will come thousands of revival meetings in church houses, tents, brush arbors and wide open spaces. And let us pray that from heaven the messenger will report, "Mississippi Baptists are trekking for Christ Jesus the Lord. They are dedicated to win 20,000 souls in 1949."

I take this opportunity to pass on to Mississippi Baptists a quotation which I have lifted from a letter written by a great Baptist Layman in our state: "Two

things impress me about our present and future programs. Our entire organization — every division of it — needs to realize how much evangelistic work there is to do. The Co-operative Program is the means of getting the money for it and the way to accomplish the job. I hope we can attain the goal of one million dollars this year for that particular phase of the work. It is always encouraging to see how far we have come in ten years. I am amazed at the work you (Dr. McCall) have done, and marvel that you have done it. A super-human task. A wonderful piece of work — and a lot of it over objections and handicaps. The Lord is to be praised for Scotchie McCall these years he has led us to really BIG things."

To do the evangelistic work that is before us, every association is urged to make effective the organization for evangelism in the association by electing a chairman of evangelism and his helpers. After these workers have been elected entreat them to attend the conference on evangelism for all chairmen and special workers on Monday night, May 16, at the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. To do the evangelistic work before us, our God is calling upon us to increase our gifts to the Co-operative Program. Let us make strong the life line of our Missionary Enterprise. Above all else, let us pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth workers!

Somehow I feel that Jesus Christ is saying to all Mississippi Baptists: "You jittery, hot, fussy, busy, blustery children of mine, be done with your tops and ploys and fatuous joys. Make Christ and the building of the Galilean Highway, the Way of the Old Rugged Cross, your fatuous joy." His call is clear. Shall we hear. As we hear, let us remember Bayard Taylor's lines:

"The healing of the world
Is in its nameless saints. Each separate star
Seems nothing, but a myriad scattered stars
Break up the night and make it beautiful."

III
Sunday night, my heart was deeply moved with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of being alive. To be alive today is a privilege — a blessing. Everyday, I am reminded of my comrades who sleep in the soil of some Pacific Island or in Europe or here in America. I saw many of them go. They went in my place. For me, they gave their lives. I am grateful to be alive — I am fortunate; however, I am under double obligation. I must live for all those who died. I must carry forward their work. My life must be a memorial to them.

What I saw Sunday night filled me with joy. I saw a memorial to those men. In Canton, Mississippi, Brother C. O. Estes is leading a great people in a wonderful way. The Center Terrace Baptist Church is building a beautiful meeting house. Brother Estes is one of God's great workmen. He is doing a monumental work for the glory of God in Canton.

When I stood up to preach, I said, "God, I thank you for the Co-operative Program. Some of my money, a portion of the Co-operative Program giving of every Mississippi Baptist, went into this building." Then I thought of the hundreds of churches, institutions, missionaries, hospitals, schools, colleges, seminaries, foreign mission fields and home and state mission fields receiving a portion of the Co-operative Program funds. Yes, my portion touches many lands, thousands of institutions, and makes it possible for me to trek the Galilean Highway as a soul winner for Jesus. \$1,000,000

ESTES BROTHERS ACTIVE



"Believe it or not" but three associational officers who attended the recent Moderators and Clerks Conference at Jackson are brothers.

They are (shown above) left to right: Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor of Center Terrace Church, Canton and moderator of the Madison County Association; Rev. E. D. Estes, pastor of Trinity Church, Fulton and Moderator of the Itawamba County Association and B. J. Estes, Plantersville, clerk of Lee County Association.

New Prospect Grows Cotton; Builds Educational Building

The New Prospect Church, Lincoln Association moved into its Educational Building on February 20. The new building includes twelve classrooms, an auditorium, a kitchenette, and rest room. It has been equipped with 232 chairs and a piano from the main It has been equipped with 232 chairs and a piano from the main auditorium. A new piano was purchased for the main auditorium.

When plans first began for the Educational Building, sufficient financial fund seemed impossible. Land was rented by the church and a cotton crop was cultivated by the church people, the proceeds of which were added to the small fund which had been raised. As soon as the money was tangible building plans moved forward and the building was debt free when it was occupied.

Other improvements in physical equipment during this time include the enlargement of the choir platform, the purchase of a new pulpit stand and table, and the construction of a furnace on the church grounds.

A Nursery Department and two new classes have been organized.

On the first Sunday in the new building 239 were present in Sunday School and 147 in Training Union, and at the evening service two of the young people rededicated their lives.

Rev. F. L. Coker has been pastor since March 1, 1947.

for Co-operative Program is the goal of Mississippi Baptists in this year of our Lord 1949.

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Victory is in the air. God is leading Mississippi Baptists. He has lead Mississippi Baptists as indicated by the following figures of contributions in 1948:
Mississippi Baptist Baptisms 15,242
Southern Baptist Baptisms 312,246
Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program Contribution \$ 726,190.28
Mississippi Baptist Total Contributions To All Causes \$7,388,343.00
State Mission Contributions \$ 229,353.77
1949 State Mission Budget Total \$ 228,670.00

When I read these figures I realize all anew how vital the pastor is in our great program. Trekking along side the pastor are the deacons, teachers and leaders. Thank God for such leaders and workers.

1949 can be one of our greatest years. It will be if we pull together as "workers together with God." Psalm 121. I Corinthians 13. John 14. Numbers 6:24-26.

William P. Davis
Assistant Executive Secretary

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING MARCH 15, 16 AND 17

Alumni, students, and friends of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will observe their annual Home Coming March 15, 16 and 17.

A series of special lectures will be held during these days. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, will deliver the "Layne Lectures." Mr. Jesse M. Johnson, prominent lawyer and Baptist layman of Richmond, Virginia, will deliver the "Tharp Lectures."

In addition to the lectures other special courses will be offered in church and denominational activities.

The Layne Foundation was established through a gift of ten thousand dollars by Mrs. Robert Layne of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. The proceeds of this gift have been used in bringing to the Seminary each year some man of outstanding ability to deliver a series of inspirational lectures.

Mr. James H. Tharp of New Orleans, by a gift of five thousand dollars, established the James H. Tharp Lectureship. The lectures are given each year by a prominent layman on the general subject, "The Preacher from the Layman's Viewpoint."

EVERETT ACCEPTS ASSOC. MISSION WORK Resigns Panola Pastorates

Rev. Charles Everett has resigned as pastor of the Courtland Church in Panola County, effective March 31, to accept the work as Associational Missionary in Bolivar County.

For the past year Mr. Everett has been pastor of Courtland, Good Hope and Pilgrims Rest churches in Bolivar County, the latter two resignations having been effective in February. During the year there was a total of 54 additions in the three churches. During his pastorate at Good Hope a building program has been completed and butane gas has been installed.

When the Rev. Mr. Everett begins his work in Bolivar Association, he will move into the missionary's home, which is in Merigold.

ANNIE WEBB RAY

Into eternal peace and light passed the sweet gentle soul of Annie Webb Ray, January 25, 1949.

Whereas, she was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, a devoted student of the Bible, for many years a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, having served as its President.

Be it resolved that we express to our Heavenly Father our gratitude for her Christian life and for her sincere devotion to her church.

It is with sorrow and regret that we part with one so loyal and true.

Be it further resolved that we express to her family our deepest sympathy in her passing, and that we commend to them the comfort of the Holy Spirit and pray that God will fill her place with the sunshine of His love.

Be it further resolved that this memorial shall be inscribed upon the minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, that copies be sent to the sorrowing members of her family, the Baptist Record, and the Star-Herald.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. T. P. GUYTON
MRS. L. L. BROWN
MRS. A. BARNES
MRS. M. G. SMITH

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The Evangelistic Conference

So far as we know, no previous Evangelistic Conference has excelled the one held in First Church, Columbus March 1-4.

The program was well-planned and in addition to out-of-state speakers Dr. W. A. Criswell and Dr. C. E. Matthews, there were some forty different people on the program. Although the Conference was planned with a special appeal for preachers, many laymen and women were in attendance. The large auditorium was filled each night and good sized crowds were in attendance each day.

Being a preacher we can assert that preachers as well as others need to have their own hearts set afire with the fire from God's altar. They need to feel that men are lost and unless they are saved by faith in Christ they are LOST. Preachers need to really understand the importance of preaching. They need to search the scriptures together.

Many declared that they never heard so many truly great sermons and messages in any one conference. There were many high hours. Amens were frequent and tears were not unknown. All present were challenged to either evangelize or be evangelized.

This conference will give impetus to the evangelistic effort in Mississippi for years to come. The fires of evangelism kindled in the hearts of those who were present will undoubtedly spread throughout the churches and local communities represented by those in attendance. It is confidently hoped that the results in baptisms will far exceed any previous year in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

We offer our congratulations to Secretary McCall, the Evangelistic Committee, the speakers and Columbus.

—Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of the host church, other Columbus pas-

tors and all of Columbus regardless of denomination did everything they could to see that everyone was well cared for. **THEY SUCCEEDED.**

The influence of this meeting is destined to reach the remotest areas of our state. Many of us are going to try to do better.

A Good Idea For Others

According to the bulletin of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, the Hattiesburg Association of Florists has voted to close every Sunday. The bulletin further asks that the people cooperate with the florists and make it possible for them to attend their churches on Sunday.

Florists are not the only ones who could and should close on Sunday. There are many business establishments that are open on Sunday that would do just as much business if they would close on Sunday. If people knew that they could not buy certain things on Sunday, they would arrange to buy them at other times.

If the business houses do not close on Sunday, the church members could soon force them to close, not by taking drastic actions but by simply doing their buying during the week. Any business would soon close up if they found that they were not doing enough business to pay for staying open. And much of the Sunday business is done, to our regret, by church members.

Let's help make Sunday a real day of rest and not a day of business.

Decline and Fall

In a recent issue of the Readers' Digest magazine, the following appeared:

It is difficult for an American to visualize the city of Rome under the Caesars. The Eternal City was filled with a mob of men who literally had nothing to do. Food was distributed free; and the conditions of the climate made it natural for the mob to spend most of its time outdoors. What did this mob demand? They demanded excitement. Successful officeholders and candidates for political office therefore provided the mob with athletic and theatrical entertainment. Instead of the motto being "Athletics for All," the people took their athletics vicariously. They watched hired professional athletes entertain them. And as the demand for excitement increases like the demand for drugs, it became necessary for these athletes to kill each other, for prisoners to be thrown

to wild beasts, to slake the public thirst for blood. In the theater, realism was carried to an extreme that makes our most naturalistic plays seem prudish. The actors were actually crucified the murders were real, the torture was not imaginary, and the plays of sensuality had better be left to the modern reader's imagination. Men and women looked at these scenes in the arena and on the stage, and told each other afterward that they had got a real "kick" out of it. The Roman Empire decayed and died.—William Lyon Phelps.

Let us ask a solemn question. "Is the time approaching when the moving finger of History will write, 'The Decline and Fall of America' — as of Rome?" And will the Historian say it was due to the same causes? Look about you in 1948, see the trends and judge for yourself.

Preachers of the Living God need to warn the people, in season and out.

A Good Way

In a recent copy of the Biblical Recorder, we read an article which we are sharing below:

As a new class of freshmen gathered at Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.) last week, two young men met and shook hands. They were Bruce Johnstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnstone of Downingtown, Pa., and Robert Yukimasa Nishiyama of Japan.

Bruce is a younger brother of Robert Johnstone, who died in 1944, fighting the Japanese in the Philippines. Nishiyama, son of a Christian Japanese, is a former ensign in Japan's imperial navy. Peace in August, 1945, ended his "opportunity" to die for his emperor as a kamikaze (suicide) pilot.

Before Robert Johnstone died, he asked his parents to use his \$10,000 G. I. Insurance to promote peace and understanding between the U. S. and Japan. They carried out his wishes by establishing a scholarship for Japanese students at Lafayette. Nishiyama, first beneficiary of the scholarship, hopes to complete his college course, then teach in Japan.—Pathfinder.

Most of the intrigues and resentments of the world are found in the hearts of older people. Youth sees a better way, perhaps. The example of this young soldier, whose last request revealed such a sweet spirit challenges us.

Since we are warned that if we hide iniquity in our hearts, God will not hear our prayers, it behooves all of us to get malice out of our hearts!

Youth Shows The Way

If adults will not stand for something, we are glad to note that some young people do. According to the Baptist Standard, 300 4-H Clubbers left a Minnesota County fair in protest against the character of the sideshows. They took their entries with them. A protest last year had been ignored.

If more people would protest and back their protests by action we would have cleaner fairs. The same applies to other things, as well as fairs.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

FEDERAL AID SHOULD GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

The Examiner has long been on record as favoring Federal Aid to Education as the best and quickest means of giving Alabama children an opportunity equal to that of children in richer states of the North, East, and West.

The bill now before Congress, which is believed to have an excellent chance of passage would provide educational funds to states on the basis of the financial need. If this legislation becomes law, education will see a new day in Alabama.

We are unable to follow the arguments of those who say that Federal Aid to public schools alone would be discrimination against church schools.

Since this free nation is founded upon the principle of separation of church and state, public funds should be spent for public schools alone.

The use of public funds for Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, or Jewish schools would be unthinkable. Each religious group has the privilege of financing its own separate schools, and many of them do so, but there must be no violation of the public fund for our policy schools dedicated to whole people.

This policy is a foundation stone of the nation, and Americans will not be disposed to disturb it.

The Editor of the Montgomery Examiner is Brother Charles G. Dobbins, a Deacon in the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, and a worthy son of a faithful minister of our Lord Jesus, who for years served as pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama.—Editorial in Montgomery (Ala.) Examiner, February 24, 1949.

SOMETIMES, IN OUR VARIOUS church and Christian activities, we are likely to fall into the evil habit of glorifying one another because of our achievements. We should all have the proper respect for our leaders and thank God for them. Never should we exalt them in such a way that causes us to forget our Heavenly Father and give all praise to him. Leaders who have great influence sometimes get their feelings hurt because they imagine they are not appreciated. If any of us is tempted to have this feeling, it is a signal to draw closer to the Master in genuine devotion. If we honor him and give him all the glory in all of our Christian activity, we earn the rich reward of an inner peace and satisfaction which goes beyond all human values. . . J. E. Lambdin in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

OLD BYRAM, HINDS, PROGRESS

Old Byram Church has recently adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. For a long time this church has had a large number of individual subscriptions to the Record, but on hearing of the many advantages of the EVERY FAMILY plan they have put the plan in the church budget.

Since Ernest B. Myers, a Mississippi College student, came in August as pastor, there have been 22 additions to the church. A nursery department was organized this month and a Wurlitzer piano was purchased for the auditorium.

Mississippi College students lead the mid-week prayer services each week. Since this plan was inaugurated the attendance has grown from an average of 13 to the present average of 45.

Record readers in Hinds County are not listed as follows: Emanuel, 39; Alta Woods, 22; Beulah, 52; Bethesda, 59; Bolton, 26; Byram, 45; Chapel Hill, 38; Clinton, 245; Edwards, 35; Elrairie, 49; Jackson, First, 1081; Jackson, Calvary, 1190; Jackson, Daniel 185; Jackson, Davis Memorial, 132; Jackson, Griffith Memorial, 1; Jackson, Northside, 312; Jackson, Parkway, 511; Jackson, South Side, 112; Jackson, Van Winkle, 246; Learned, 16; Midway 17; Mississippi College BSU 57; Mt. Morgan, 12; New Haven, 31; Pocahontas, 25; Old Byram, 14; Raymond, 71; Salmem, 31; Siwell, 44; Terry, 137; Utica, 73; West Jackson, 24; Leavell Woods, 10.

TANGIPAHU

While awaiting the coming of their new pastor, we had the privilege of supplying at Tangipahou Church on Feb. 27. The church has called Rev. Bob G. Wilson and he is expected to be on the field within a short time.

The church is pastorless because of the fact that Rev. A. W. Tablert who formerly served Tangipahou and Macedonia half-time each has accepted full-time at Macedonia. Not to be out done, the Tangipahou Church also has gone full time.

Work has begun on the pastor's home which is being erected by the side of the Church.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: Bluff Springs 49; Bala Chitto, 25; Bogue Chitto, 49; Calvary, 50; Central, 19; East McComb, 299; Fernwood, 65; Friendship, 116; Holmesville, 32; Johnston Station, 34; McComb, First, 463; McComb, South Side, 126; Magnolia, 176; Mt. Zion, 2; Navilla, 1; Osyka, 76; Progress, 37; Silver Creek, 53; Silver Springs 60; Summit 121; Tangipahou, 85; Terry's Creek, 76; Thompson, 24; Union, 40.

LEE STILL AT IT

Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY Plan while pastor at Wiggins, Rev. N. J. Lee, who is now serving the church at McHenry in Stone County has led them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Recently a nice list of 19 names was received. That means that 19 people of McHenry Church are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Concerning the recently reorganized McHenry Church, Pastor Lee writes as follows: "McHenry Church has been out of the Convention work



DR. D. A. McCALL

Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, will lead a seminary in Church Problems the first week of Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.



REV. W. L. COMPERE

Rev. W. L. Compere, Pastor Northside Baptist Church, Jackson will lead in a Bible Study both weeks of the Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.

Woman's College Endowment Leaders Are Optimistic

By Dr. James W. Parrish, Publicity Director, Woman's College Endowment Campaign

On the day that we celebrate Our Lord's Victory over death Mississippi Baptists will join Him in another experience of Victory. On April 17th our Churches are going to put Mississippi Woman's College over the top in the Fund Campaign Drive.

The Baptist Churches of Mississippi are responding to the drive in a marvelous manner. In every county a pastor has been designated as campaign chairman. Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of Woman's College and General Chairman of the campaign, has spent most of his life as a pastor and he knows the value of calling upon pastors to get the job done.

All connected with the drive feel a sane optimism based upon attitudes such as this expressed by one of the most successful pastors in the state, "Your letter came several days ago, stating that I had been appointed

County Chairman for my County in the Woman's College drive. Then I received a similar letter from Dr. I. E. Rouse. These two letters have become a matter of serious consideration and the most earnest prayer for me. It occurred to me at the time, and I am increasingly confident that instead of my quickly 'Why, yes; of course I accept!' it would be better for me to approach my own church deacons, and my fellow pastors, asking them 'If I accept this work, MAY I COUNT ON YOU FOR YOUR FULL CO-OPERATION?'

Thus my answer, which is an unqualified 'YES', comes not with the sound of a one man's band, but the mighty roar of a full orchestra and chorus! My church deacons are hereby pledged to co-operate. Better yet, my fellow-pastors of this association, instead of giving a tacit consent, are committed to an active participation in the campaign."

ON FEBRUARY 27, AT THE FIRST Church, Batesville, the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches sponsored a special service under the direction of Lee Baum, Associate Director of Memphis Union Mission. Mr. Black, a worker at the Mission, showed a motion picture about the work there and his wife told something about her work in connection with the Mission.

for a number of years. Last fall the church was reinstated in the Gulf Coast Association and I have accepted the work as their pastor, preaching for them on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons of each month. We organized a Sunday School since we began work with this church and the enrollment and attendance has practically doubled. George Threadgill is superintendent. We had our first prayer meeting last Thursday night with 16 present. The ladies are ready to organize a W. M. U. and we shall organize a B. T. U. right away. This church is making good and is a fine group to work with."

Record readers in Stone County are now listed as follows: Big Level, 48; Perkinson, 44; Wiggins, 84; McHenry, 19.

Committee On Boards Prepares Recommendations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— The Committee on Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention formerly was able to complete its work during a session of the Convention, but recent constitutional changes now make the committee's work a year long study.

The group named at last year's Convention to make recommendations for personnel of the Convention's 19 boards, commissions, and standing committees, had a special meeting here February 22 to formulate their recommendations. Rev. Harold W. Seever of Florence, S. C., is chairman. All 20 members were present.

Further meetings of the committee will be held immediately prior to and during the Convention session at Oklahoma City in May.

Recent constitutional changes providing for rotation of membership on the boards and forbidding a persons's serving on more than one board are given as reasons for the necessity of much more detailed study. Approximately 600 places must be filled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 6, 1949

Zion Hill (Copiah County) --	73	47
Jackson, Elrairie	129	88
New Albany, First	545	172
Including Mission	564	184
Laurel, Second Avenue	411	126
Crystal Springs	617	173
Hattiesburg, Main Street	785	679
West Laurel	393	121
Jackson, Calvary	1164	268
Jackson, Van Winkle	428	258
Jackson, Byram	144	95
Jackson, Davis Memorial	233	106
East Side (Rankin County)	132	97
Hazlehurst	345	88
Newton	351	177
Evergreen	95	85
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	55	50
East Moss Point	157	75
New Zion (Copiah County)	85	60
East Columbia	84	54
Centreville	144	37
Beulah (Simpson County)	186	151
Holly Springs	36	48
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	94	73
Friendship (Pike County)	153	61
Lucedale	313	93
Crystal Springs (Walthall County)	123	65
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	182	68
Weir	72	57
Darling	45	20
Kreole, First	135	89
Delay	51	45
Greenville, Second	179	90
Brookhaven, First	1012	284
East McComb	413	212
Bruce	236	81
South Laurel	94	43
Durant, First	172	80
Provident (Forrest County)	153	104
Richton	202	
Oloh (Lamar County)	66	57
Gulfport, First	661	139
Boyle	199	73
Chalybeate	70	26
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	54	31
Booneville, First	250	116
Center	123	67
Glenfield (Union County)	54	34
Houlka	105	27
Tupelo, Harrisburg	427	139
Central Grove	63	24
Wallerville	83	37
West Corinth	172	86
Meridian, First	633	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	572	123
Meridian, Highland	494	152
Meridian, Southside	379	145
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	343	76
Meridian, Poplar Springs	233	54
Meridian, Oakland Heights	125	40
Meridian, Oak Grove	109	55
Meridian, Key Field Mission	68	
Meridian, 41st Avenue	300	110
Jackson, Parkway	687	228
Parkway Chapel	107	

February 27, 1949

Union (Pearl River County)	129	91
Beulah (Simpson County)	207	154
Pisgah (Rankin County)	102	
West Corinth	186	88

OLOH BAPTISTS WILL HAVE A

spring revival March 13-20. The pastor, Rev. G. L. Taylor will preach each night.

Discovers Miniature Device For The Deaf

A big improvement has been made in a new device now welcomed by thousands of deafened. It is so small it fits in the palm of the hand. Its clear noiseless tone is so efficient that even faint voices are understood. With it thousands now enjoy music, sermons and friendly companionship. Finger tip controls permit you to adjust it instantly to changing sound conditions. Accepted by the American Medical Association's Council on Physical Medicine. The Distributor of Beltone, 200 Tower Building, Jackson, Mississippi, are so proud of this achievement, they will gladly send you free descriptive booklet on how to overcome deafness and explain how you may try this miniature device in the privacy of your home without risking a penny. Write Beltone today.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Amber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

Leflore Pastors and Directors have dinner together

On Tuesday February 22 the pastors and directors of Leflore Co. under the direction of Associational Director D. I. Young Jr. enjoyed a fellowship dinner. The District Training Union Officers were also invited to the dinner as was the state Training port on this dinner was to the effect that seven churches were represented accept, to his disappointment. The report on this dinner was to the effect that seven churches were represented and it was a grand occasion.

Pastor D. I. Young Jr. of Money reports a most helpful study course recently. There were 81 enrolled for class work with 67 qualifying for awards. The faculty was made up of friends from three churches, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGaugh of Calvary Greenwood who taught the adults and juniors respectively, Miss Patsy Cain of First Church Greenwood who taught the Young People, Brother Young teaching the intermediates.

On to Ridgecrest is the Leflore slogan. Associational Director Young reports they already have paid transportation for more than their bus can carry to Ridgecrest, so cars are being provided for the overflow.

Awards for January 1,866. New unions for January 40-8 Story Hr.; 8 Junior; 8 Intermediate; 7 Young People; and 9 Adult.

The Junior Playlet "Can't-Itis"

The little playlet "Can't-itis" has been put in pamphlet form and is now available. Just drop us a card, Box 530, Jackson 105 Miss and we will send you several copies. The play is built around the healing of the many diseases known in Training Union, like "Can't tell my part." "Can't read by Bible daily" etc. Doctor Faith gives each patient a prescription etc. It is a dandy little playlet and will serve as a general assembly feature program. We are indebted to the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board for this as well as all of our playlets in pamphlet form.

Blue Mountain Training Union Council

Thanks to Miss Helen Bolt Student Secretary at Blue Mountain College for a complete list of their Training Union Council. The presidents of the seven unions are, Misses Dot Griffin, Lexie Delle Muse, Voncile Carroll, Carol Phelps, Vickie Flowers, Virginia ShumPERT, Voncile Haire. Department officers are-Director, Sylvia Burr; Associate Director, Maurene Collums; Enlistment Chairman, Jane Griffin; Secretary, Mary Jane Baines; Bible Readers Leader, Joyce McGehee; Social Chairman, Nancy Warmack; Missionary Chairman, Eva Sherwood; Chorister, Lois Baker; Pianist, Jean Sproles; Art Director, Mary Lou McGee. With this line up nothing but success could result.

This Week Mr. Morgan of the Training Union Department is leading a Training School in the Scooba church.

Bolivar Co. this week are in an en-

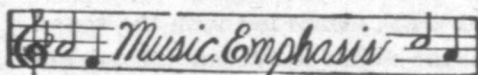
largement campaign with eight churches cooperating. Plans at first were for more than twice that many to be cooperating, but losing their Associational Missionary and Training Union Director at the same time discouraged some and other conflicts caused more than half to drop out of the plan. The eight who are cooperating report fine progress. The week started with an Officers and Leaders Conference on last Sunday afternoon at Boyle.

"D" Day Next Week

Next week six associations will observe "D" Day. Beginning on Sunday afternoon at Silver Creek in Lawrence Co. Monday in Brookhaven, Lincoln Co. Tuesday at Meadville for Adams-Franklin Association, Wednesday at Mendenhall for Simpson, Friday at First McComb for Pike Co. and Saturday at Tylertown for Walthall Co. Let every member of every union in these associations attend if possible. D is for "Demonstration."

Highland in Tishomingo Co. Organizes

Thanks to Miss Ollie Bickerstaff, Training Union Director of the Highland Baptist church in Tishomingo County for a report on the organization of a Training Union. Their first step was to have a study course in which the church studied the Training Union methods. Then they requested the leaflets from our office for each of the officers and copies of the standards to go on the wall. This equipment right after organizing with the study course preceding it should assure a well established union. We extend congratulations to the church.



The Church Song Director

Certainly, one of the most important associates of the pastor is the Church Song Leader. The song leader has the power to make or break the message of each service. Each church should make a careful, prayerful selection of one person who will serve as church song leader. This leader will be able to do the job much more efficiently, if he or she has a knowledge of music, but many churches do not have such a person who is well trained in music. Churches that are not blessed with such a person, should select a leader who will agree to try to learn as much as possible about the art of directing and song leading.

The church song leader will be a loyal church worker, who will plan to be present for the service. He will be willing to plan the song programs before the time of meeting, and plan all songs, hymns, and special numbers in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. Also, the program should be planned to include the Motto: "Let All The People Sing." This motto can be reached in the fullest way, only by using the regular church hymnal and teaching all of the people to sing.

The church song leader will study and seek to learn how to direct the church congregational singing in an acceptable way, and to study each song and hymn in order to gain the fullest spiritual uplift in singing it. Why not select your church song leader now.

JAMES FANCHER ACCEPTS EVERGREEN PASTORATE

Rev. James Fancher has accepted the pastorate of Evergreen Church in Winston County.

During the work of the former pastor, Rev. Jody Moore, the church began to support half-time work. Mr. Moore resigned to accept the pastorate of Corinth Church in Leake County.

The Rev. Mr. Fancher led Evergreen Church in a revival in the fall of 1948. During that week there were 18 additions to the church, 15 on profession of faith and several pledges were made as tithers.

Pastor Fancher, who is a student at Mississippi College, began his work on February 6 and will serve the church in connection with his pastorate at Edinburg.

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Woman's College Commended

By Dr. Chester Swor

During February 20-22 I had the happy privilege of visiting the campus of Mississippi Woman's College for the first time since the reopening of the college, and I was overcome of amazement and admiration in viewing firsthand the remarkable job wrought by President Rouse.

The interiors of the buildings are indescribably pretty, the furnishings are new, and the spirit of the institution is vital and victorious. In all of my travels I have not visited a college in which the total atmosphere is more thoroughly and beautifully Christian than that in our Woman's College.

Despite the tremendous competition of the colleges and universities for qualified teachers, Woman's College has attracted a teaching force of distinct superiority. The superb quality of students amazed me. These girls could have won admission to America's very finest colleges. Hence, their coming to Woman's College and their choosing to influence their friends to come indicate that the college has more than fulfilled their expectations.

A visit to Woman's College will renew your confidence—not only in the future of that college, but also in the future of Christian education.

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CORINTH, LEAKE PLANS REVIVAL, MARCH 18-20

Corinth Church in Leake County will have a week-end Youth Revival beginning Friday evening, March 18, and extending through Sunday.

The theme of the meeting will be "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The team, all of whom are MC students, will be composed as follows: Bobby Simmons and James Fancher, preaching; William L. Compere, pianist; and merimba soloist, and Glen Merrill song leader.

Rev. Jody Moore, pastor at Corinth, invited a Mississippi College team to Williamsville Church, Attala County, in January, and found the week-end Youth Revival to be another efficient plan for winning souls and reviving Christians.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD DESERVES our best. A beautification program should be a church program. Many times various agencies of the church may lead in such a program. Sunday school classes, Training Unions, the women, and the men of the church have an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the influence of the church they love and cherish. . . W. A. Harrell in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

NAME COLLEGE LIBRARY TO HONOR DR. LOWREY

Clinton, Miss. March 5. The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College have voted to name the Library Building in honor of Dr. W. T. Lowrey who was President of the college for many years and who was recognized as one of the leading educators of the South till his death in 1944.

Dr. Lowrey was an honor graduate of the college in the class of 1881. He became president in 1898.

During the thirteen years of Dr. Lowrey's administration, he led in uniting the denomination, and during that time the Endowment was substantially increased, Jennings Hall, the Cafeteria and the Science Building were erected, and the enrollment more than doubled. After a remarkably successful term of thirteen years at Mississippi College, he resigned to return to Blue Mountain College where he served another thirteen years as president.

Dr. Lowrey died at the age of eighty five, having served as a college president longer than any other Mississippian ever has. For much of the time he was president of two colleges at the same time, those served being Blue Mountain College, twenty six years; Mississippi College, thirteen years; Hillman College, eighteen years; and Clarke College, two years. He was also president of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis from its beginning till January, 1, 1944.

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Focus Week To Be Observed At Clarke Memorial College

For the first time in its history, Clarke Memorial College is having a Religious Focus Week, March 20 through the cooperation of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board and the Administration of the college.

Under the leadership of Robert S. Denny of the Student Department the following Christian leaders will take part in the Focus Week: Dr. William Denham, Macon, Georgia; Rev. William K. Weaver, Montgomery, Rev. Bob Norman, Birmingham; Rev. Chester L. Quarles, Sylacauga, Alabama; Rev. Riley Munday, Hattiesburg; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Todd, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; Charles W. Horner, Jackson; Dr. John L. Hill, Miss Frances Barbour, Dr. Jerome O. Williams, and Mr. Robert S. Denny all of Nashville.

Student Chairman for the Focus Week is Arnette McCoy, a sophomore, ministerial student from Mobile, Alabama.

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Individual Churches Cannot Join Federal Council

NEW YORK —(BP)— Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, has declared that no Southern Baptist churches are members of the Federal Council.

Noting charge by some writers that individual Southern Baptist churches "joining the Federal Council of Churches," Dr. McCrea stated that "this is constitutionally impossible, for the only bodies that can become members of the Federal Council are national denominations."

Dr. McCrea said the misunderstanding may have arisen "by virtue of the fact that a good many local churches of all denominations give financial support to the Federal Council and receive its publications even though they have no official part in its life."

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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FEBRUARY STANDARDS

Schools: Carthage, Rev. G. O. Parker, pastor, Mr. M. D. Reagan, superintendent; Marion, Rev. L. B. Simmons, pastor, Mr. S. J. Lackey, superintendent; Mendenhall, Rev. C. C. Jones, pastor, Mr. R. W. Barlow, superintendent; Juniper Grove, Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor, Mr. J. W. Williams, Supt.; Columbus First, Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, Mr. Luther Wallin, Supt.

Departments: Nursery, Department No. 3, Main Street Hattiesburg, Mrs. Joe Arledge, superintendent; Nursery Departments 2, 3, 4 and 5, Northside Jackson, Mrs. Douglas Allen, Mrs. Mildred DeMoss, Mrs. B. S. Thornton, and Mrs. J. K. Dossett, Supts. Beginner No. 1, Parkway Jackson, Miss Margaret E. Cloud, Supt.; Beginner, Mendenhall, Mrs. Essie Nunnery; Primary No. 2, Jackson First, Mrs. Purser Hewitt; Adult No. 2 Parkway Jackson, Mr. Earl L. Clark.

Classes: Vanguards, Intermediate, Main Street Hattiesburg, Mr. V. L. Fillingane, teacher; Sunscatterers, Intermediate, Hattiesburg 5th Avenue, Mrs. N. B. Hinton; 13 Year Boys, Hattiesburg 5th Avenue, Mr. Celdon R. Curtin; Kingdom Seekers, Intermediate, Second Avenue Laurel, Mrs. Ray Melton; Aviators, Intermediate, Hattiesburg 5th Avenue, Mr. Ralph Davis; Daughters of Ruth, Intermediate Jackson First, Miss Gladys Clement; Light Sharers, Adult, Philadelphia, Mrs. M. Beech; Workers, Adult, Parkway Jackson, Mr. H. D. Irwin; Lydia, Adult, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. Herman Clinton; Dorcas, Adult, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. Lewis A. Suber; Friendship, Adult, Hollandale, Mrs. C. L. Crawley; Euzelian, Adult, Terry, Miss Lynda Crisler; Key Bible Class, Adult, Northside Jackson, Miss Mary Belle Key.

Thanks to all these leaders for this excellent work.

COLUMBUS FIRST CHURCH SETS NEW RECORD

Congratulations, Columbus First!

The week of February 14-17 the First Baptist church of Columbus set a brand new record for the state Sunday school secretary in the size of any one class he has taught during his nearly 25 years in this work.

The enrolment was 177, the average attendance 137, with a total of 141 awards.

It was also a great class in enthusiastic interest, and this is further shown in the fact that the Sunday school is now Standard.

Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, Mr. Luther Wallin, superintendent, and Mr. W. O. Seal, director of education, are surely providing a dynamic and progressive leadership, and the people are cooperating in a great way.

VISITS BUILD THE CLASS

Visit the unenlisted; visit the absentees.

Until you go, they will never know that you are interested, nor will they dare to think you care whether they find the blessings of Christian fellowship and Bible study in your Sunday school class.

Yes, Visit to build the class.

A SIGNIFICANT PAIR

Sunday school enrolment and baptisms, a mighty, powerful, vital, all-important pair, these are.

They march together, and have for many years. They succeed or fail to-

gether. They go up and down together. Where one is there is the other also.

Last year Southern Baptist Sunday schools had an enrolment gain of 303,669, and we also baptized 312,246.

If we really want to baptize more people, the best way to do it is to increase the Sunday school enrolment.

Yes, these two go up and down together.

INDEED, STUDY DOES HELP

"I have thoroughly enjoyed studying the book, and through this study have had many of my faults and weaknesses pointed out to me. I feel sure that I can be a better teacher than heretofore."

This is the testimony of one of the good teachers in the state. And it is another evidence that improvement can come through study, if we are only willing to learn what to do, and then do it.

Yes, indeed, study does help.

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Miss Corrine Byrd Honored, Receives Carnegie Award

Word has just come that Miss Corrine Byrd, a graduate with distinction of Mississippi Woman's College and a member of the faculty from 1936-39, now assistant professor of modern languages at Mercer University, is one of three faculty members of the university who have received Carnegie awards for proposed projects in teaching improvement.

Miss Byrd is completing plans to attend McGill University, Montreal, Canada, for observation in technique of teaching modern languages. She expects to set up a class in conversational French at Mercer in the fall quarter.

The late Dr. J. E. Byrd, Mt. Olive, Mississippi, long time Secretary of Baptist Sunday School work in Mississippi, and J. E. Byrd who makes her home with two of her daughters in Nashville, Tennessee, have five daughters who attended Mississippi Women's College-four of whom graduated with Distinction.

All five of the daughters are now serving well and their Alma Mater is justly proud of them. Rev. Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, and one of Woman's College Trustees is a brother of Miss Corrine Byrd.

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Record Attendance At Main Street

Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, had what is believed to be a state record in Training Union attendance on Sunday night, March 6. There were 677 present in the Training Union. This was a part of an observance of People in the Pews night.

Each pew was numbered and a captain assigned to each one. The captain's only duty was to see that the pew was filled. It seems that they succeeded.

The previous high attendance at Main Street was 514.

One of the things that helped to reach the goal was the fact that the Training Union sponsored a special page in the Baptist Record, which went only to the members of Main Street Church.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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Upon you Baptist college students rests the future of this—or any—global mission enterprise. Every one of the 1,750 missionaries must come from your number. The support and backing of those who go must come from other young people who serve in the homeland, for a strong program overseas can only be realized as part or a total undertaking with a strong home base. — M. T. Rankin in Baptist Student Magazine. . . If ministers keep their youth up with them they seldom will have trouble. If they do not, ruination sets in. Albert McClellan, Editor, Oklahoma Baptist Messenger. . . There cannot be sectarian instruction in public schools. Church and state must remain separate. But some kind of worship program can be offered. Except there be planted in the mind and heart a spirit of reverence for God and faith in God, education is stripped of its value, and its seeds bring forth a crop of poisonous culture which fits men both to destroy and to be destroyed. — R. T. Skinner, Editor, Western Recorder. . . The BSU, we add, is that "plus" that secular education needs. BSU is purposed to make education, in our public, tax-supported institutions of higher learning, Christian education. Did you know that three-fourths of all the Baptist college students in Mississippi are enrolled in colleges which are not Baptist? That is

an irrefutable fact. We can give you statistics to prove it. We wish it were not true, for we believe in Christian education as fostered by our four Baptist colleges, and we wish all our Baptist college students were enrolled in these four colleges; but they are not, and since they are not, Miss. Baptists' opportunity and obligation is to provide Christian education for those not enrolled in our Baptist institutions. . . Ruskin was an accomplished art critic and had written Modern Painters at 24. John Wesley was a professor of Greek at 24. . . We regret missing the Evangelistic Conference at Columbus because of illness. . . Enjoyed visiting with the Millsaps BSUs, talking Retreat, recently. . . Blue Mt. is planning the installation of its new BSU Council for May 1 during the regular evening worship service of the local church. The service will probably be held outside in front of the student center. . . We still need a lot of money if we're going to send out three Summer Missionaries this summer. Also, are there other students who wish to volunteer to go? Deadline for volunteers is April 1; for the money (\$1500) May 1. Student missionary fields open include Hawaii, San Andres Island, Alaska, California, perhaps even others. . . Two invitations for our State Convention, Oct. 28-30, have thus far been received. We certainly appreciate them. More about Convention later, of course. .



REV. G. O. PARKER

Rev. G. O. Parker, Pastor at Carthage, Miss., will preach at 11:00 A. M. on March 15, at Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.



REV. WADDELL VALENTINE

Rev. Waddell Valentine, Pastor at Southside, Jackson, will lead in a Music Study both weeks of Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.

REV. E. B. STEEN

Rev. Estus B. Steen, 81, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Gray, Star, on March 4. He was a native of Florence and had lived almost all his life in that community. Mr. Steen was ordained to the Baptist ministry at the Florence Church over 50 years ago. His ministry included the following pastorates: Clear Creek, Hickory Ridge, Star and New Zion.

He is survived by five sons; Morris W., H. M., and Lamar Steen, all of Florence; C. L. Gray, Star, Mrs. J. E. Ponder, Braxton, Mrs. Anse Patrick, Pelahatchie, Mrs. C. L. Aldridge, Pelahatchie, V. F. Campbell, Terry. Also surviving are four brothers; S. V. Steen, Jackson, R. L. Steen, J. H. Steen, J. H. Steen, and J. W. Steen, Florence, two sisters, Mrs. Ella Barlow, Star and Mrs. J. M. Pearson, Florence.

Funeral services were held at the Florence Methodist Church on Saturday, March 5, conducted by Rev. Wayne Allison and Rev. L. C. Hoff. Interment was in the Florence cemetery.

NORTHWEST PASTORS TO MEET MARCH 15

The Northwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference will meet at Batesville on March 15. The program will begin at 9:45 and adjourn at 3:00.

On the morning program Rev. James A. Dollahite will bring the devotional, Rev. Charles H. Skutt will discuss "Revival Evangelism," and Rev. W. P. Davis will bring the message of the morning.

Included in the afternoon program is a Religious Book Review by Rev. C. L. Boland, the election of Officers, and other business.

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SING A SONG FOR JESUS (50c) Arranged by Mildred Morningstar and published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be a great aid in the musical program for small children. The beautifully illustrated song book contains 15 songs for children, some of which are familiar and some, new.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

A committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws was appointed following the Convention last April. In compliance with the Constitution they are submitting their report in writing through the pages of the Baptist Record. The committee was composed of Mrs. Webb Brame, Mrs. Ned Rice and Mrs. J. H. Street, all past presidents of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. The report of this committee will be presented to the Convention March 29-31 for consideration and vote. It is the hope of this committee that each member will study these suggested changes and make suggestions as to other changes or re-wording.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Preamble
We, the women of the Baptist churches of Mississippi, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches do hereby organize and adopt the following Constitution.

Article I Name
Remains the same

Article II Object
The object of this organization shall be to cooperate with the Baptist State Convention along all missionary, benevolent and educational lines. First, by enlisting the women and young people in the study of missions, by dissemination of missionary literature, and by developing the missionary spirit and the grace of giving.

Second, by organizing the B. W. M. U. in churches.

Article III Officers
Section 1—Insert B. W. C. CHAIRMAN following Young People's Secretary. Section 2—Election: All officers with the exception of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Young People's Secretary, B. W. C. Chairman, Training School Trustee and Margaret Fund Chairman shall be nominated (as hereinafter provided) on the second day of the annual meeting; election shall be by voice except in case of more than one nominee when election shall be by ballot. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Young People's Secretary shall be nominated by the W. M. U. Executive Board and elected by the State Convention Board. The B. W. C. Chairman shall be nominated by the State B. W. C. Federation and elected by the W. M. U. Convention. The Training School Trustee and Margaret Fund Chairman shall be nominated by the Executive Board of the W. M. U. for election by W. M. U. Auxiliary S. B. C.

Article IV Time of Meeting
No change

Article V Representative
No change

Article VI Conduct of Meetings
No change

Article VII Duties of Officers
Delete and VIII becomes VII

BY-LAWS

Article I President
No change

Article II—Vice - President
No change

Article III District Chairmen

The state shall be divided into eight districts, to be known as First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts. A Chairman shall be elected from each district, who shall have general oversight of the associations of that district and through the Associational superintendents promote the work of the Union, reporting to the Executive Board.

Article IV—Executive Secretary-Treasurer

First — The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be the executive head of the office and shall have general supervision of and make plans for the progress of the Women's Missionary Union Work in the state, carrying out the plans determined upon by the Woman's Missionary Union or its Executive Board.

Second — No change

Third—As Editor, she shall edit the B. W. M. U. column in the Baptist Record.

Article V Recording Secretary

No change

Article VI Young People's Secretary
The Young People's Secretary shall supervise the work of the Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girl's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapters and Sunbeam Bands; shall distribute literature, shall organize auxiliaries, chapters and bands, and shall visit those sections of the State where the work demands and the Executive Board deems necessary. She shall ask for full reports from all organizations and from these reports shall collate annual reports.

Article VII Executive Board

Section 1—Insert B. W. C. CHAIRMAN following Young People's Secretary.

Article VIII—Executive Committee
The Executive Board shall elect seven members from its own body who with the President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Young People's Secretary shall constitute the Executive Committee. This Committee shall meet at the call of the President, who shall be Chairman. It shall be the duty of this Committee to transact all business pertaining to the B. W. M. U. between the regular meetings of the Executive Board. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Article IX Associational Superintendents

Delete this article

Article X Nominating Committee
(becomes Article IX)

The first part remains the same. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee:

To nominate president, vice-president, eight district chairmen, (one from each of the eight districts). Recording Secretary Community Missions Chairman, Mission Study Chairman, eight district young people's counselors (one from each of the eight districts), and Stewardship Chairman and state vice-president of Southern W. M. U., the last named to be elected at the annual meeting as provided for in the By-Laws of the Southern W. M. U. The Committee shall also present the name of the State Chairman of B. W. C. nominated by the State B. W. C. Federation.

Article XI Delegates (becomes

HOWARD T. RICH COMES TO PHILADELPHIA FIRST



REV. HOWARD T. RICH

Rev. Howard T. Rich assumed his duties as Associate Pastor of the First Church, Philadelphia, on March 2. Mr. and Mrs. Rich came to Mississippi from Calvary Church in Kingsville, Texas, where he was pastor.

Mr. Rich is a native of Buffalo, New York but received his formal education in Florida. He travelled with a quartet and a trio for some time doing youth evangelistical and radio work. He served as Associate Pastor in Harlingen, Texas and was for three years pastor at Lyford, Texas. During his recent pastorate at Kingsville, the church built a new parsonage and made great strides forward for the Master.

Mrs. Rich is a native of Texas and is a Registered Nurse. She received her training in New York and is quite experienced in this profession. She has served as Camp Nurse for associational camp meetings in our Baptist work.

Mr. Rich is progressive, has a magnetic personality, is a fine singer, and is a good leader. Above all they have a passion for lost souls. The people of Mississippi are blessed by having them in our midst.

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Evangelical Press Association Sets Convention

CHICAGO —(RNS)— Religious journalism and its impact on the world today will be the convention theme of the newly-formed Evangelical Press Association when it meets here April 4-6, according to Dr. James DeForest Murch, the Association's acting chairman.

Fields of religious journalism to be discussed include denominational, Sunday school, missionary, youth, and children's publications.

Among speakers scheduled to address the Association are William F. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago Daily News; Dr. Kenneth Olson, dean of Medill School of Journalism, and editorial director of "Domestic Engineering."

Article X)

Delegates to the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union shall be selected from the list of those sending their names to State W. M. U. Headquarters office not later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting. The selections shall be based on an equitable distribution according to districts.

Article XII Reports

Delete

Article XIII Amendments
This article becomes Article XI.

FOUR MAKE STRAIGHT A'S AT CLARKE COLLEGE

Honor Roll Lists 64 Names

Dean Troy Mohon of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Mississippi, announces the honor roll for the third term of the current session. Those making straight A's were Dimple Childress, Lula, James Hodges, Florence, Alabama, Mrs. A. C. Hurst Ellenville, and Jennye Faye Williams, Newton.

Those making the average of a B or higher were Annie L. Byram, Union, Margaret Fields, Winfield, Alabama, Christine Fitzgerald, New Albany, George Markham, Ashland, Kentucky, Jasper McPhail, Slate Spring, W. A. Sullivan, Wesson, Doris Talbert, Meridian, Paul Weddle, Bellefontaine, Laureline Lee, Picayune, Mary Alice Ditsworth, Pascagoula, Paul R. Dunlap, Aliceville, Alabama, Dorothy J. Edwards, Slate Spring, Annie B. Harris, Weir, W. H. Henderson, Gallman, Mrs. J. C. Hollifield, Laurel, Anene Irby, State Line, David Irby, State Line, Louis Johnson, West Enterprise, Fredell Lowrey, Gillsburg; Lois Pinson, Newton, Richard Reedy, Pensacola, Florida, Monica Sprayberry, New Albany, Hansel Thornton, Becker, Wilma Walley, Overt, Hettie Nell Wood, Carson, Fannie Lou Ben, Carthage, Claude Fewell, Moselle, Marilyn Woodham, Brooklyn, Sidney Pitts, Hazlehurst, James Blakeman, Morgan City, Louisiana, David Smitherman, Centerville, Alabama.

Those making a B average were George G. Aultman, Sumrall, Paul D. Aultman, Sumrall, Lynn Baker, New Albany, Stella Broadus, Escataupa, Walter Chatham, Meridian, Bobby Clegg, Jackson, Nancy Cooper, Edison, Georgia, Juanita Everett, Newton, Trennis Grubbs, Blue Springs, John C. Hollifield, Laurel, Paul Hancock, Jackson, J. D. Herrington, Laurel, Gwen Holland, Fort Smith, Arkansas, David Hughes, Magee, William H. Merritt, Hattiesburg, W. T. Miller, Gulfport, Arnette McCoy, Mobile, Alabama, Joyce McGraw, Centerville, Evie Newton, Hollandale, Overl Oglesbee, Columbia, John Rupp, Altoona, Pennsylvania, Milton Scott, Jachin, Alabama, Ruby Shirley, Quitman, Mrs. O. R. Smith, Auera, Betty Spiers, Picayune, Carleen Wade, Kosciusko, Lola Jean Weaver, Darlove, Mary Wills, Newton, Robert Wills, Newton.

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Baptist Press Expands To Include County Weekly Field

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Regular mailings of Baptist news items to the county weekly newspapers of the Southern Baptist Convention territory is a new project launched by the publicity department of the SBC Executive Committee.

C. E. Bryant, director of publicity for the Executive Committee, said that the first release of material reached editors about March 1. Future mailings will be made on the first of every month.

"The great majority of Southern Baptist live in small towns and rural areas," Bryant said. "They depend on the weekly paper of their county for their basic reading matter. By the expansion of Baptist Press to include these papers, we hope to help the papers by furnishing them news of vital interest to the people they serve and to help the people by informing them on Baptist work."

"This publicity medium also places the Baptist message in the hands of thousands of people not enlisted by any church and who probably would not ever be touched by other religious influences."

Thirty-four hundred papers are on the mailing list

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracy Campbell
Lesson for March 13

JESUS DEFENDS HIS HERALD. Mark 5:6:31-44; Luke 7:18-28; 19:1-10.

I. John, the Son of Zacharias the Priest
This is that John who was known in all ages as the Baptist. His birth and ministry had been foretold by prophecy (Malachi 3:1) and his birth had been miraculous. John was a son of the desert, a child of nature, a dweller in the wilderness. He was a country man in dress and frank in attitude, blunt in speech, fearless of danger. But he was human as any reader of these words, had his ideas as to how the Christ was going about discharging the mission for which He came to earth, held his personal theory as to the methods to be employed by the Coming One in His dealing with injustice and all other forms of wickedness. John made a mistake in making his program of the Lord's activities.

John was expecting the Lord to deal summarily and immediately with evil deeds and evil men. When the Lord came and it was pointed out to John that this was He, the "Lamb of God that taketh the sin of the world away," John looked for the beginning without delay of the pronounced proceedings which he had predicted. But the Lord did not begin as John had believed and had said He would and the difference between what John expected and what Jesus did was so great that John in his lonely prison cell became bewildered and, in the midst of that bewilderment, sent messengers to inquire of Jesus whether a mistake had been made.

II. John's Chanting Critics

They were there, ready to say, "A-ha! This bold John, so uncompromising in his denunciation of our harmless indulgences, so quick to denounce upon us the curse of this coming judge, this bold boy from the backwoods who dared to call us a brood of vipers, a den of snakes, he is not so cock-sure as once he was, but is now singing not quite so lustily! I thought he'd come off his tall camel one of these fine days!"

III. John's Faith Receives Strength

And with John's faith the faith of his disciples. John was expecting something; Jesus gave something better. John expected a tempest; Jesus brought sunshine. John looked for a deluge of the fire of judgement; Jesus brought showers of blessing. Perhaps John's error was in looking for the ultimate to occur immediately. That our Lord is going thoroughly to cleanse His threshing floor, that He is going ultimately to gather His wheat into the garner AND burn up the chaff with fire unquenchable, make you not the slightest doubt. But not yet!

Our Lord came to plant faith in God in the hearts of men. He would serve all the needy of the earth, but He depends upon the faith of those whom He seeks to serve. Jairus is bidden to silence his fears in faith, even as the woman with the issue of blood had been saved by her faith. The great ministry of Jesus while He was here with us in person and now while He is with us no less in the person of the Spirit is the arousal of Hope and faith.

The story of the New Testament is the story of a great expectancy aroused in men and validated by the gracious acts of God in Christ. It is the story of the victory over the world, which is our faith, coupled with the promise that ever greater victories are in store for those who share the faith which Jesus came to kindle in the hearts of men. And all He did that the disciples of John might see and might relate to John afterwards were done in part that the faith of John and his disciples might be kindled anew, and was His gracious way of

Montgomery Pastors Protest Mobile Bishop's Charge

At a called meeting of the Conference, held at the First Baptist Church in Montgomery on Wednesday, February 23, 1949, Dr. A. Hamilton Reid, the Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, upon the invitation of the Conference, read a paper and spoke to the Conference in reply to an article that appeared on the front page of The Montgomery Advertiser of February 22, 1949 in which Bishop T. J. Toolen was quoted as having said, among other things, "The heads of non-Catholic groups who are striving to prevent federal educational aid from reaching the Catholic school children are Communists or Communist fellow travelers."

Dr. Reid read a paper which clearly set out the Baptist position in the matter. Following its reading, the Conference unanimously expressing the views of the Baptist ministers in Montgomery, and directed the Secretary to send a copy to each of the Alabama members of Congress and furnish copies to the press, include the religious press.

The Paper

Tuesday's Montgomery Advertiser quoted the Reverend T. J. Toolen, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Mobile, as saying in an address made in Montgomery on Monday of this week, "The heads of non-Catholic groups who are striving to prevent federal educational aid from reaching the Catholic school children are Communists or Communist fellow travelers."

By this statement Bishop Toolen has made a serious and wholly unfounded inditement against almost all the Protestant leadership in America. The

saying to them. "Fear not, only believe."

IV. John's Stature by His Saviour's Standard

What did you expect when you went out into the desert to see the prophet from the wilderness? It was not a man bending to every wind that blows. "Did you go out to see an effeminate prince clothed in soft raiment, powdered, perfumed and pampered?" Not a bit of it, if you went to see John! He was a man, take him all in all, one whose like you may not look upon again!

1. The name and work of John had occupied the thought of God. He had sent John to prepare the way of the Lord. With that great task had John been entrusted.

2. God had made John a prophet of the Most High. And this is the highest honor the Lord God Almighty has bestowed upon mortal man. To be commissioned to speak for God, to proclaim the word of God, to herald the command of God, to act as the mouthpiece of God: what honor of all other earthly honors could be so great as this?

3. But John was more than a prophet. More than any Old Testament prophet in privilege. Those great men stood a tip-toe and watched the horizon of the future for the glow which should proclaim the approaching dawn of the day-star from on high. But to John had been granted the lofty privilege of basking in the Daystar's golden light. From afar the gifted seers of old time had heard the faint notes, wind-wafted, night borne, of the Bridegroom's marriage song, but John had rejoiced with the bridegroom, had seen the witnessing dove alight upon the Bridegroom's shoulder and heard the voice of the Almighty declare, "This is My beloved in whom I am well-pleased."

So our Lord defends His great and loyal friend, as He will also gladly defend any one of His faithful ones anywhere or anywhen that faithful friend shall need defense.



REV. C. C. WEAVER

Rev. C. C. Weaver, Pastor at DeKalb, Miss., will lead in a Bible Study both weeks of Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.

Baptists in particular have repeatedly, through their Conventions and leaders in Alabama and all over the nation expressed opposition to the use of public funds for the support of Catholic or any other sectarian schools and we challenge the statement that would classify the Baptist leadership as Communist or Communist fellow travelers as wholly untrue. . . .

There are 1,250 active pastors and other leaders of the 487,172 white Baptists in Alabama, and I doubt if the Bishop or any one else can find a Communist or a Communist sympathizer among these leaders of Alabama Baptists. Yet, I think, he will find them unanimous in their opposition to the use of federal funds for the support of Catholic or any other sectarian schools.

The Baptists in the early history of our government played a large part in the adoption of the first amendment to our National Constitution, which grants to the people freedom of religion, freedom of speech and of the press, the right to peaceably assemble, and the right to petition the government. Through the years the Baptists have been champions of these freedoms and the separation of church and state as a policy of our government. We claim the right to oppose any action on the part of any group or individual that would tend to nullify this Constitutional provision for religious liberty and the separation of church and state in their functions.

The Bishop is quoted as asking for a fair deal for Catholics. No worthy American would deny the rights of Catholics or any other religious group to a fair deal. Roman Catholics in America enjoy the same freedom and receive the same fair deal as all other religious groups. As to church schools, the Baptists and other church groups have many schools, but they are not asking for federal aid in the support of their schools. To receive such aid, we believe, would be unfair infringement on the Constitution and would tend to break down the government policy of religious freedom and separation of church and state.

The Bishop further stated that the Catholic Church does not desire federal aid for its schools and institutions, but then expresses opposition to the Bill that proposes such aid to state schools unless it is made to apply to Catholic schools also. If the Catholic Church does not desire federal aid for its schools, why should the Bishop

CATHOLIC LEADER LABELS BAPTISTS AS COMMUNISTS

Thomas Bill On Federal Aid To Public Schools Protested By Bishop Toolen of Mobile

The Catholic Church wants a federal educational bill passed by Congress that does not discriminate against Catholic school children, the Most Reverend T. J. Toolen, DD., Bishop of Mobile, said here yesterday.

An Account of Bishop Toolen's Address Appears Elsewhere in this Issue

In an address before the Montgomery Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women, at the Whitley Hotel, Bishop Toolen said the Catholic Church does not desire federal educational aid for its schools or institutions.

He said, however, it demands a square deal for Catholic school children attending Catholic parochial schools.

"The heads of non-Catholic groups who are striving to prevent federal educational aid from reaching the Catholic school children are Communist or Communist fellow travelers," he said. (Editor's Note: Baptist oppose Federal aid to any church school.)

He told the group that officials in high places in Washington are aligned with the Communist Party and that the Catholic Church's members should be cautious in signing their names to organizational membership lists as the "Communist Party travels under many guises."

Earlier the Montgomery Deanery had gone on record as protesting the Thomas Bill (federal aid to education).—Montgomery Advertiser, Tuesday, February 22, 1949.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Betty Jo Welch, Barbara Cokerham, Mrs. Ramona Johnson, and Dr. J. W. Landrum, Canton; Rev. Charles Everett, Courtland; J. G. Henderson, Jackson; Terry B. Hatchett, Ernest B. Myers, and James P. Fancher, Clinton; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, Liberty; Clinton Marlow, Miami, Florida; Mrs. Irwin Westerfield, Jackson, G. C. Mize and W. C. Speir, Bruce.

oppose this aid to the public schools and to the millions of children in these schools? The Baptists take the opposite position. The majority of them would favor the Thomas Bill which is before Congress, if this Bill will provide that federal funds shall be used for the support of state schools only.

Our public educational system has been a primary factor in the building of a unified American democracy. This system must remain free from entanglements with any religious or political groups if we are to retain our democracy. Our school system must remain under state control. When public funds become accessible for the support in any way of schools and institutions under the control of religious or political groups and used to promote some particular theology or political philosophy as advocated by such groups, our American democracy and liberties will become endangered.

By opposing the use of federal funds for the support of Catholic or other sectarian schools in any way the Baptist and other Protestant leaders in America are not in the least Communists or traveling with the Communist, but are supporting the fundamental principles on which our Government was founded and for which our forefathers fought and suffered

Department of Temperance Activities

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The night following the Chickasaw County local option election on beer in which the dries won by a vote of two to one plus, someone being used by the wets called some of the preachers over the telephone and cursed them out. One of the pastors was called three times during the night. The last call was in the wee hours of morning. If there was anything lacking to positionize the Christian people of the county, this finished it. Early the next morning Christian citizens from all over the county gathered in Houston, Miss., ready to do something about it. They have come to find out for themselves what we have been trying to tell the people of our state through these months, namely that we are dealing with the underworld. We are at grips with the forces of hell, and they will do anything to carry their point. As a result of all of this, a county-wide mass meeting was held on Friday night following the election, and they definitely committed themselves to a thorough clean-up crusade in their county. It is their determination to put bootleggers out and close up all of the dives, dens, and death traps of their county.

What they are doing in Chickasaw County, Christians ought to be doing in every county in our state. With

such determination and cooperation, the liquor traffic could be routed.

Last week in this column something was said about the wonderful work done by the young people of Chickasaw County in the crusade against beer. During their parade through the streets, they sang songs, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other such songs. The following was one of them which they prepared for the occasion. They sang it to the tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic:

We're the youth of ole Chickasaw
We can't vote because of law
We're appealing to you, 'cause we're still small fry

Please God and please vote dry!

Chorus:

Glory, glory haleluiauh
Glory, glory haleluiauh
Glory, glory haleluiauh
Please God and please vote dry!

I was with Brother Palmer and his saints at Ridgeland on a recent Wednesday night. They are at grips with the forces of unrighteousness in their county and are working with determination to close the joints that are menacing the welfare of their youth and their homes. Let us join them in prayer for a successful campaign.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

New Brotherhoods For February

It was our happy privilege to report five Brotherhoods to the South-wide Office for February. The new Brotherhoods are:

Brewer Baptist, Perry County. Rev. O. D. Cargile, pastor; Mr. John Elkins, president; and Mr. Earl L. Boszor, secretary.

East Fork Church, Amite County. Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, pastor; Mr. H. H. Baham, president; and Mrs. S. J. Wilson, secretary.

Oral Baptist, Lebanon Association. Rev. F. H. Rogers, pastor.

First Baptist, Starkville. Oktibbeha County, Rev. Wilburn S. Smith, pastor; and Mr. Joe Palmer, president.

Stonewall Church, Simpson County. Rev. R. C. Bounds pastor.

Practical Suggestions for the Evangelistic Committees

1. Arrange for and hold prayer meetings before and during revival.
2. Furnish to Brotherhood members gospel tracts, cards, Testaments for their use in personal contacts with the unsaved.
3. Hold services in pastorless church (once or twice a month suggested).
4. Establish and operate a mission.
5. Assume responsibility for wide distribution of printed publicity in connection with church revivals.
6. Arrange for and hold evangelistic services in county or city jail, one or more times regularly each month.
7. Conduct services at the homes for the aged.
8. Arrange with Brotherhood officers at appropriate times for men to relate Christian experiences or to tell of soul-winning efforts.
9. Arrange home visitation, meeting people, extending invitation to church, hold brief devotional or evan-

gelistic service when appropriate.

10. Enlist co-operation of Brotherhood members to pair up for definite evangelistic visitation among unsaved men, (eat lunch with them, visit home, travel together, arrange recreation together, talk about the Saviour).

11. Arrange revival or other service in school house of unchurched communities.

12. Provide tract racks in church building or suitable public places, supply them regularly with evangelistic tracts.

13. Assist one or more young men entering the ministry in securing an education and in getting preaching opportunities.

14. Sponsor a building plan to enable some mission to reach more people.

15. If evangelistic work is done at local hospital, co-operate with persons in charge by helping personally or by providing evangelistic literature.

16. Evangelistic Committee members should attend meetings of Royal Ambassadors or Boy Scouts of the church occasionally, and talk with unsaved boys.

17. Arrange for evangelistic broadcasts, if appropriate. (Always consult the pastor about this plan.)

18. Sponsor street services in downtown areas, courthouse or city park.

19. Supply evangelistic tracts, Gospels, Testaments for Christian nurses in hospital or charity clinics.

20. Hold services at Children's homes where practical.

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THE MEN OF LINWOOD CHURCH, Neshoba County, are planning to cultivate cotton for the church this year and five acres of ground have been donated for the purpose.

CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICT I



DR. JOHN W. LANDRUM

Dr. John W. Landrum is chairman of the Women's College Endowment Campaign.

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Holcomb Emphasizes Oneness

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was one of the featured speakers at the meeting of the South-Baptist Press Association which met in Richmond, Virginia, February 10-11.

The constructive address was up to the usual Holcomb standard with the emphasis on "oneness" and "co-operation."

"With a common task before us" the secretary said "we are one in purpose and with a single aim, namely, the education and evangelization of all our people."

MIAMI, FLA. —(RNS)— THE FIRST license to sell beer ever issued by the city of Miami to a church has been granted to the St. Mary's Catholic church festival committee. It was issued despite the protest of a Protestant, the Rev. Lee D. Rustin, pastor of Rader Memorial Methodist church, located near St. Mary's.

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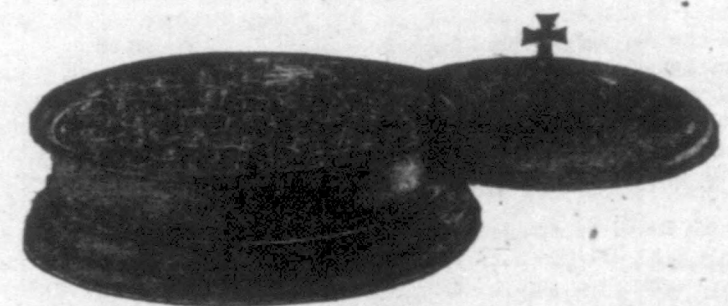
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IT WAS OUR GOOD PLEASURE TO work with the saints of Meadville Church and community in their Revival February 21 - 27. It certainly did our hearts good to see the marvelous growth of this fine Church under the faithful leadership of Rev. B. T. Bishop and his splendid wife. —W. W. Kyzar, Jr.

THE CALIFORNIA BROTHERHOOD Department is the only state in the Southern Baptist Convention which reported the achievement of all adopted goals for the past year. Mr. Ellis B. Evans is the state secretary.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, NESHOBA County, has recently purchased a pastorate and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Boatner, has already moved in. The lovely six-room house has asbestos siding and is located on Columbus Road near Philadelphia.

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ENTITLED "Home for Motherless Babies" appears in the March issue of The Commission. The article was written by Miss Antonina Canzoneri, a Mississippian, who is missionary in Nigeria.

GASTON AVENUE CHURCH, DALLAS, observed the 22nd Anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. Marshall Craig on February 27. During these 22 years there have been 10,126 additions, 2,635 by baptism. Twenty-two years ago the membership of the church numbered 1,842. The present membership is 6,424. At the present time a million dollar sanctuary is being erected. When it is completed it will be one of the most magnificent edifices in all the Southland, with a seating capacity of more than 2,000.

THE NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL Seminary Alumni Breakfast will be in the Civic Room of the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City at 7:30 on Friday morning, May 20th. You may secure your ticket to the breakfast by sending \$1.00 to Dr. E. N. Patterson, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MISS RE'VE STEWART, A MISSISSIPPI College graduate, has written an interesting article which is entitled "Blessing an Entire Community" and which appears in the March issue of the Training Union Magazine. The article is an account of the Training Union of Salem Church in Covington County and of its good effects of that community.

BELMONT HEIGHTS CHURCH, NASHVILLE, Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor, has just purchased a pastor's home for an estimated cost of approximately \$30,000.00. The Belmont Heights Church is so crowded that they have two services regularly each Sunday morning, one at 8:30 and again at 11:00 a. m. (Editor's Note: Jimmy is a Mississippian and was formerly pastor at Clinton and Brookhaven.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— A RECORD total of 8,867 Negro converts were received into the Roman Catholic Church in this country last year, according to the Commission for Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians. The Commission announced that there are 262,427 Negro Catholics in the U. S. — a ratio of about one Catholic for every 40 Negroes. Indian converts totalled 624 in 1948, the Commission reported. The total Indian Catholic population is 95,335— about one-third of all American Indians, it was stated.

CROWDER: DURING THE WEEK OF Feb. 14-18, the Crowder Baptist Church experienced what was, reportedly, one of the best Training Union Study Course Series in the history of the church. The enrolment numbered 117; and of that number 103 will receive awards. Rev. Charles Tyler is pastor of this good church.

FRIENDS OF MISS ELIZABETH Draughon, who for several years was assistant editor of the Baptist Record, will regret to hear of the death of her father at their home in Dunn, North Carolina on March 7.



REV. CLARENCE PALMER

Rev. Clarence Palmer, Pastor at Chalybeate, Miss., will lead in Bible Study both weeks of Preacher School at Jackson, March 14-25.

A JUNIOR BOY WRITES

Last Sunday night I thought I'd go to church. My buddy went to the movies and wanted me to go along, but I didn't think I ought to so I went to church.

I looked for my Sunday school teacher, but he wasn't there.

I looked for a couple of deacons I know, but they weren't there.

I looked for my mother's Sunday school teacher who has called at our house, but she wasn't there.

I guess they don't think church on Sunday night is important.—Copied.

DIVORCE AND DRINK

According to Judge C. H. Christiansen of Beloit, Wisconsin, drinking in taverns is a factor in more than 90 per cent of the divorce cases which he reviews.

Judge Christiansen says, "How many times we hear the cry 'If it weren't for his getting drunk, he would be a fine husband.' In a recent test I made, I found that out of twenty-one cases the tavern was mentioned in twenty. This is not prejudice but fact."

PROTESTANTISM FACES ITS EDUCATIONAL Task Together (\$3.25) is the story of cooperative Christian education in the United States and Canada, as told by Dr. William C. Bower and Dr. Percy R. Hayward. This 288-page-book, recounts the important developments in interdenominational religious education during the last quarter of a century. Separate chapters relate how Protestant forces have cooperated in curriculum development, children's and young people's work, adult work and family life, leadership education, vacation and week-day religious education, field work and meeting war and postwar needs, and in conventions, research, public relations, sponsoring the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Personality sketches and photographs of 14 of the top religious educators of the cooperative movement are included. These include Dean Luther A. Weigle, Dr. Paul H. Vieth, Dr. Roy G. Ross, Dr. Arlo Ayres Brown, and others prominent in the work of the Council. The price is \$3.25 and orders should be sent to the International Council of Religious Education, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

22 Added in Revival At Charleston, First

One of the greatest challenges that has come to the Christian people of Charleston and surrounding towns and communities came during THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK led by Dr. Chester Swor February 28 — March 6. There were 18 additions to the church by baptism and 4 by letter.

One of the richest fruits of the revival was the number of both young people and adults who came rededicating their lives to be tithers, more powerful prayer lives, and to be of greater service in the kingdom's work.

Rev. and Mrs. Kermit Canterbury are leading the Charleston church in a great program. The Charleston church has reached \$54,000 in its building fund and are looking forward to a new house of worship in the near future.

Tallahatchie County Friends Furnish Dr. Nelson's Office

Clinton, Miss. March 5. The President's office in the new Administration Building at Mississippi College was elaborately equipped this week by the Tallahatchie Baptist Association in honor of President D. M. Nelson who is a native son of Tallahatchie County.

The furniture consists of a beautiful black walnut desk with a fine upholstered leather swivel chair, a conference table to match the president's desk, two upholstered side chairs, six walnut chairs at the conference table and a telephone stand.

Two faculty members were instrumental in getting the donation. They were Dr. Howard E. Spell, Dean of the College and Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Professor of Philosophy. The gift is deeply appreciated not only by President Nelson but by the entire college staff.

THE W. M. S. OF STAR CHURCH recently organized a W. M. S. at a colored church, The Morning Star church. Mrs. Mary Morgan, president of the Star organization, presented the plan of organization, after which officers were elected and dates for the meeting were set. Seven representatives of the Star and the Green Hill Mission were present.

Camp Ridgecrest for boys now in its twentieth year will open June 22 to boys eight to sixteen for a term of six weeks at the low rate of \$175.00 which covers accident and health insurance, laundry, aquatics, horseback riding, tennis, hiking, mountain climbing, sight-seeing riflery, archery, base ball and other outdoor sports as well as indoor games.

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains at the head of beautiful Royal Corge in "The Land of the Sky" at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly it is under auspices of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our director is James R. Howlett, M. D. of New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Write for free catalogue. Address Perry Morgan, Business Manager, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.



Shown above is the attractive sign of Soso Church. It is erected on the road near by Soso. Other signs are on the other roads leading into town. Rev. John Gilbert is the pastor.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 7—Marion W. Perry, Neshoba Association, Convention Board member; L. O. Crosby, Chairman, Special Gifts Committee, Woman's College Endowment Campaign.

March 8—Steven Barwick, Blue Mountain faculty; Sunday School Convention, Columbus.

March 9—Rev. C. J. Smyly, BSU Pastor Adviser, Blue Mountain; Mrs. Dona Brister, House Mother, Baptist Orphanage; Sunday School Convention, Columbus.

March 10—Rev. John I. Hill, Clarke College trustee; Mrs. W. L. Carpenter, Chairman, Fourth District W. M. U.

March 11—B. G. Ray, Alcorn Association Training Union Director; Bob Leshe, President, District V Brotherhood.

March 12—Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Mississippi Education Commission; W. D. Loftin, Brookhaven, Mississippi College trustee.

March 13—BSU Summer Service Enrollment Day; Sam Thompson, Leflore Association Sunday School Superintendent.

LOS ANGELES —(RNS)— PLANS FOR the opening of a Baptist high school here in the near future have been disclosed by Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Baptist City Society. Los Angeles Baptists now operate six elementary schools in the metropolitan area, with two more scheduled for construction before the opening of school next fall.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

The Clinton church has "relieved the Convention Board of doing anything more for them" and raised the salary of their pastor \$400.00; besides the Foreign Mission offering has reached the \$300.00 mark, fifty dollars more than ever before.

25 YEARS AGO

A comparison of figures shows that Southern Baptists during the previous year had issued more Sunday school awards in study courses than all others combined: — 67,500 as against 28,542 by Southern Methodists, 10,961 by Northern Methodists, 8,018 by Northern Baptists, 2,592 by Southern Presbyterians, 800 by Disciples, and 235 by the Congregationalists.

Pastor D. W. Moulder tells of their annual Bible Institute at White Oak church in which ten preachers participated together with a large local representation. They voted unanimously to have one next year and that Rev. J. L. Boyd teach again "who is one of the best we ever had."

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Washington Baptists Observe Annual 'World Mission Week' 32 Churches Reach 18,457

Widespread Communism, paganism and other evils are a direct challenge to Baptists to expand and further support their home and foreign missionary enterprises.

That was the gist of the address delivered by missionaries at Baptist "World Mission Week" services held in 22 Washington area Baptist churches February 6 to 11, and reaching 18,457 persons.

The attendance figures are significant, in that the 1948 "World Mission Week" reached approximately the same number of persons, but with 32 churches then cooperating. Full-church participation probably would have increased the number reached to several thousand more.

The missionaries from China, Japan, India, Assam, Central and South America, and from America's Southland reminded worshipers that the church must stand firm against its mortal enemies, so that Jesus' message of salvation might be carried to the ends of the earth, following the Biblical injunction of "Go ye . . ."

Speakers addressed Sunday morning and evening services and week night programs in various churches, and also the afternoon sessions at Metropolitan Church following luncheon. Some of the missionaries were former pines.

Internees in the Orient and the Philippines. The week's program was conducted through the cooperation of the D. C. Baptist Convention's Missions Department, of which Dr. William J. Crowder is the new director. The Rev. Michael Warr pastor of Luther Rice Church in Chillum, was general chairman.

An unusual feature of the week's program took place at Christ Baptist Church, Minnesota Avenue and Blaine St., NE, where the Rev. David Chastain, the enterprising young pastor, awarded red carnations to the "Hundred Percenters" in attendance. The flowers were presented on Friday night, February 11, the closing night of the services, and Dr. James T. Williams was the guest speaker for the occasion.

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Lewis Brothers Licensed

On February 13 two brothers, John T. and James Aron Lewis were licensed to preach by the Edgeworth Church in Webster County. John T. is a student at Mississippi College and James Aron is a student in the Eupora High School.

They are the sons of Deacon and Mrs. J. T. Lewis, making a total of three sons to be licensed to preach the gospel. An older brother, George, was licensed in July, 1948, and is now a student at Clarke College.

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TWO DEACONS ORDAINED AT EAST FORK CHURCH

Mr. Hilton Newman and Mr. Elliott Moore were ordained as deacons in the East Fork Church, Sunday February 27th.

Rev. J. A. Bryant of South McComb Church preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Robert Hughes of Navilla Church gave the charge to the church and Rev. Melvin T. Wilson of East Fork gave the charge to the new deacons. Dr. A. L. Goodrich Baptist Record editor led the ordination prayer, followed by the laying on of hands by the ministers and deacons present.

159 Enrolled In Study Course At Providence, Forrest

During the Training Union Emphasis Week at Provident Church, Forrest County February 23-27, the director, O. M. Hoda, led in a study course with 159 enrolled. Mr. Hoda was assisted in the teaching by Rev. F. H. Rogers and Mrs. Spincer Wilson. A study period was held each night, followed by an inspirational message.

A religious movie was shown on Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon the program. As a result, 136 were present Sunday night and new members increased the enrollment to 152.

Rev. C. E. James is the pastor.

—BR—

ZION HILL, COPIAH NOTES GROWTH

By Bernice McInnis

The Rev. Rutledge Courtney has completed his first year as pastor of the Zion Hill church. During this time the new church building has almost been completed. Every phase of the church program has expanded, and the attendance has more than doubled.

Improvements in physical equipment include the purchase of song books, a new piano, and church pews. The church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan for the Baptist Record.

Under the leadership of Ben Furlow, the choir has progressed greatly. The church has a full-time program that is a great blessing for the community in Kingdom work.

Mr. Courtney is a student at the New Orleans Theological Seminary. Mrs. Courtney, nee Marie Walley, was formerly secretary to the Editor of the Baptist Record.

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Moak's Creek Moves Forward

During the three years' pastorate of Rev. J. W. Burnette, Moak's Creek Church has made progress steadily, and since February 1 the church has supported a full time program. On the first Sunday there were ten additions to the church.

The Sunday School has an average attendance of 160, the Training Union, 100, and the mid-week prayer service, 70. The W. M. S. has presented two pulpit chairs to the church.

More than \$10,000 has been placed in the treasury, with plans being made for the erection of a new church plant. The church has also increased in Co-operative Program gifts and offerings for other causes.

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FOR YOUR FAMILY ALTAR

By Dr. Joe W. Burton
Editor, Home Life

Most families want some guidance materials for use in the daily family worship period. A list of Scriptures to be read daily with comment thereon provides both incentive and content for the family altar.

"Altar Fires" in Home Life is planned specifically to meet this need. There is a printed Scripture passage for each day with brief suggestions for family activity in worship and pointed comments on the meaning of the passage.

This Christian Family Magazine, therefore, will be of great value to churches in promoting the campaign for the establishment of family altars and to parents who begin the practice of daily family worship.

Many churches already provide Home Life for every family in the membership. Distribution of the magazine in the homes

STEEP HOLLOW NOTES FOUR MONTHS' GROWTH

Since November 7 when Rev. G. A. Cooper became pastor, Steep Hollow Church in Pearl River County has made much progress.

The Church is now supporting a full-time program. A Sunday School and a Training Union have been organized, and the church has adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

There have been eight additions to the church, six by letter. Five deacons have been ordained.

A piano has been purchased for the auditorium and 24 song books have been added.

A study course will be taught in March.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PREACHERS' WIVES, BY ONE OF THEM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— Mrs. C. A. Maddy, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church, of Wilmington, N. C., admits that being a preacher's wife brings a lot of responsibilities — but she "would not exchange the joy and satisfaction that comes from service I can render as a pastor's wife for the advantages of having a husband of any other calling."

She writes of these responsibilities and joys in an article in the April, May, June issue of Quarterly Review, and lists the following "Ten Commandments for Preachers' Wives.":

1. Thou shalt be and look thyself.
2. Thou shalt not be a drawback to thy husband.
3. Thou shalt keep an orderly house.
4. Thou shalt not neglect thy family.
5. Thou shalt not gossip.
6. Thou shalt use good judgement in dress.
7. Thou shalt not do all the work in the church.
8. Thou shalt visit.
9. Thou shalt be no respecter of persons.
10. Thou shalt not neglect thine own spiritual life.

—BR—

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, The Reverend William E. Hardy, who for the past three and one half years has served the Georgetown Baptist Church as its pastor, has now resigned this pastorate to accept the work as Associational Missionary in Jefferson and Claiborne Counties.

Be it therefore resolved, That the Church in Conference take this means of expressing to Brother Hardy, to Mrs. Hardy and to their fine family a testimonial of our appreciation for their unselfish service and our regret at their departure.

Be it also resolved: As this consecrated pastor goes into another field of service that our prayers and love go with him and that we commend him to the Churches in this large sphere of usefulness.

Be it further resolved: That Brother Hardy has done much to lead in greater development of the Church spiritually. His pastorate was marked probably by the most progressive and forward-looking program in the history of the Church with especial emphasis on tithing, on enlarged activities in all the organizations and on the family altar.

Be it further resolved: That the young peoples' Choir, organized and directed by Mrs. Hardy, has been an inspiration to the Church and a blessing to the young people.

Be it lastly resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Rev. M. C. Nelson, chairman of Associational Work, one copy to the Baptist Record and one copy be placed on the minutes of our

now will be an effective aid to the campaign for new family altars.

Home Life is published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Bulk shipments can be ordered for thirty cents quarterly.

Our Seminaries: What We Have

By J. E. Dillard

We Southern Baptists are proud of our three theological seminaries.

Our seminaries have an average enrollment of over 900, more than half of them being candidates for theological degrees. The average number of graduates reported from 56 seminaries was 28; the average from our three seminaries was 169, of these 133 received theological degrees. Fifty-five theological schools report an average of 9 full-time teachers; our seminaries have an average of 27 teachers.

But there are some other figures of which we cannot be so proud.

The report of accredited seminaries referred to above shows that the average number of students per teacher in our seminaries is 32. Do our students need and deserve so much less professional guidance than others?

Our three seminaries average ten times the average enrollment but have only one-half the average library of the accredited schools.

Our three seminaries have combined assets including property, endowment, and all special funds of \$15,913,526. This is an average total of \$5,750 per student. The report of accredited seminaries shows average assets of \$17,050 per student, certain well-known seminary located in the same city with one of our own reports an average of \$23,437 per student. Are we so much poorer than others, or are our preachers deserving of so much less?

Southern governors recently decided to co-operate in educating Negro doctors. They decided on a certain medical college in Nashville, and they agreed that their states would contribute \$1,500 a year for each of their students. We spend \$400 a year for each of our preacher boys in the seminary. Is it worth nearly four times as much to educate a Negro doctor as it is to educate a Baptist preacher?

—BR—

Japanese High School Student Suggests Solution

Major Almus B. Polsgrove, formerly pastor at Charleston, who is now a Chaplain, is stationed at Haneda Air Force Base in Tokyo. Below is quoted the words of a Japanese high school student who is a member of the Bible Class which Chaplain Polsgrove teaches on Sunday afternoons.

"We Japanese have had much time since the end of the war to reflect on ourselves and the many causes which led us to the most tragic calamity in our national history.

"And this reflection has taught us what we should do in the future for the welfare of the human race.

"Many of us have understood or are now understanding that the want of the religious mind was the principal cause of this calamity.

"Christianity has been growing more and more active throughout Japan. This is because many people are realizing that to carry this holy duty for the eternal peace of the world is their most important responsibility towards mankind. And this duty may be effectively performed only by joining hands with every nation through Christianity. If we should forget this, another calamity will lead into miserable ruin. I believe that Japan, which has resolved to give up war and arms forever, must above all strive for the holy purpose."

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The Members of the Georgetown Baptist Church.

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